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Air Traffic Congestion at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a mechanism to control air traffic congestion at airports across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and time-line for its implementation, airport-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has purchased instruments for air traffic flow management, if so, the details thereof, including cost of acquisition and the time-line for its introduction across airports in the country;

(d) whether the instruments purchased are inter-operable with international and indigenous Satellite Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and its implication on enabling navigational facilities at airports in the country; and

(e) the reasons for purchase of instruments from other vendors over deploying of GAGAN at all airports and its implications on the Government"s "Make in India" scheme?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India has initiated the process for installation of Central Air Traffic Flow Management (C-ATFM) at 06 metro airports (Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad & Bangalore) and associated air spaces in the first phase. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning (SITC) of first phase of C-AFTM project has been awarded with a total estimated cost of Rs.107Crores.

(d): No, Madam. C-ATFM is for the purpose of balancing the demand and capacity at airports and airspace. There is no implication on navigational facilities at Indian airports.

(e): The GAGAN system has been jointly developed by Airports Authority of India and Indian Space Research Organisation. The C-ATFM and GAGAN are used for different functions. Hence, purchase of instruments from the same vendor is not warranted.